



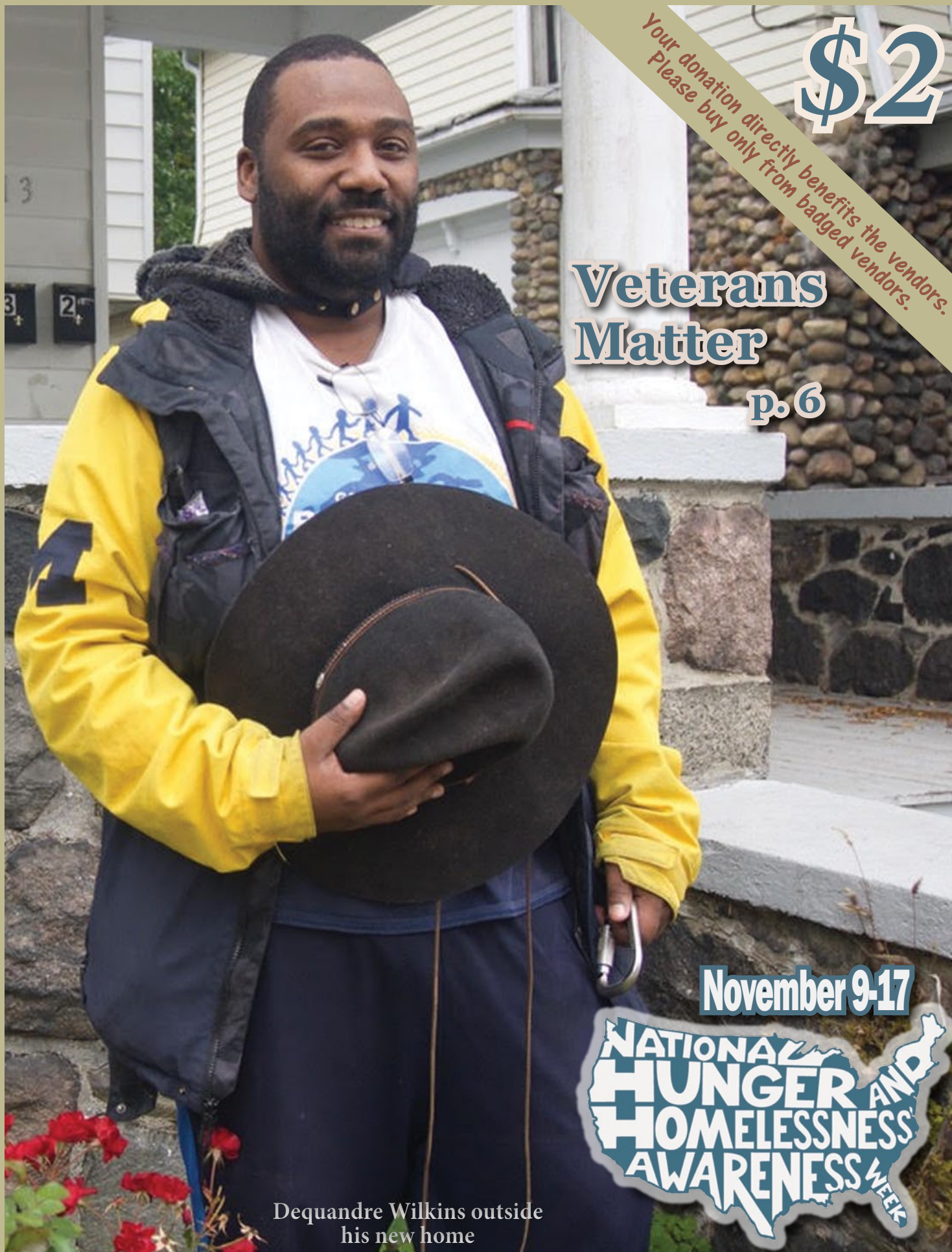
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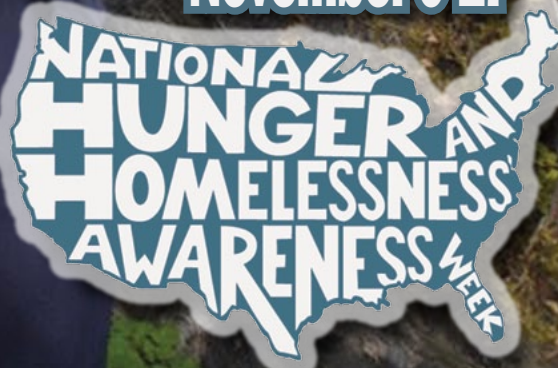
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## Elections and the changing political landscape



by Susan Beckett  
Publisher

The many proposals on the ballot this fall reflect citizen frustration with all levels of government. There would be even more proposals had the legislature not passed the Michigan Earned Sick Time Act and the Michigan Minimum Wage Increase this summer to keep them off the ballot. (As legislative acts, they can be overturned or amended by a simple majority of the legislature. Leading Republicans announced their intention to weaken the measures at a future date even as they were voting to pass them.)

Due to term limits – a proposal passed by voters in 1992 – the major obstructionist force in the Michigan Senate, Arlen Meekhoff, will not be back in the winter. The majority leader from Ottawa County has run the Michigan Senate like his personal fiefdom, preventing

any bill he personally opposed from being considered in the Senate, regardless of its popularity with the public or his peers. He is now finishing out his final term. Preventing this kind of abuse of power from persisting for decades led voters to initiate and pass the term limit proposal.

This fall, voters consider two other proposals aimed at returning power to the people. Proposal 2 would amend Michigan's Constitution such that an independent citizen's committee would draw legislative and Congressional districts. Currently, it is up to the Michigan legislature, subject to veto by the governor, to draw the district lines. History has shown that politicians draw the lines to their own advantage, especially when one party controls all branches.

The effect of politicians working to maximize seats for their party and preserve their own is that like-minded voters are packed together, creating safe districts for their representatives. Across the United States, 86 percent of House elections are in "safe" districts. Since no one from the opposition has much chance to win in the general election, the primaries determine the race. As primary voters tend to be more ideologically inclined than general election voters, fewer centrist candidates have made the general election ballot. This leads to more extreme positions and less compromise in the legislature and Congress, leaving us with gridlock, crumbling infrastructure and voter frustration. A Yes vote on Proposal 2 opts for the citizen's commission to draw voting districts instead of politicians.

Proposal 3 seeks to amend the Michigan Constitution to allow absentee ballot voting for any reason, straight ticket voting, citizen voter registration at any time without proof of residency, extra time for military people to vote, and to protect secret ballots and require audits for election results. A Yes vote opts for those changes.

Proposal 1 would make the possession and use of marijuana legal for anyone 21 or older. Proponents assert that it would then be easier to regulate, and the state would benefit from taxes on its sale within our borders. Opponents argue that legalizing might convey the message that marijuana is not harmful and that the new law would thereby spread its use – and abuse. A Yes vote opts for legalization.

One objection to these proposals is that, as constitutional amendments,

they are difficult to overturn or modify, even as unintended consequences emerge. For example, an unintended consequence of term limits is that the lack of long-term collegial relationships has reduced legislators' ability to work together across party lines and has given greater influence to lobbyists

who often know more about issues than first-term representatives. Knowing they will only be in office for six years has led state representatives to prioritize immediate gains over long-term stability. To eliminate or change term limits, another ballot proposal would have to pass.

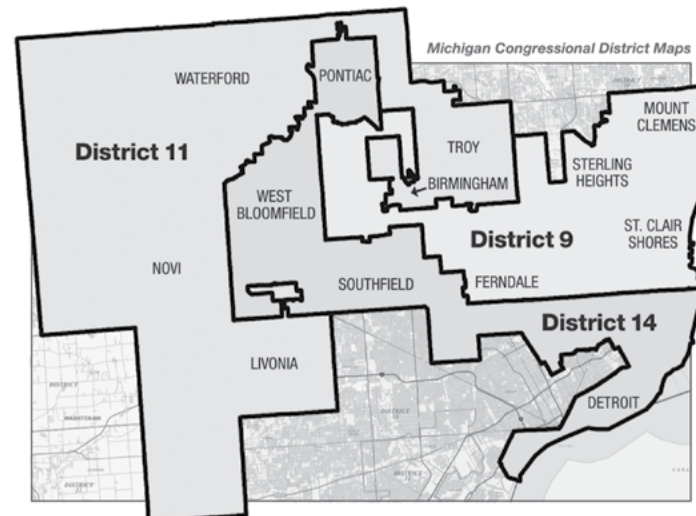
Proposal A on the Ann Arbor City ballot, also known as the "park proposal," is the culmination of frustration of many city residents over the manner in which the disposition of the Library Lot has proceeded. In their view, the City has run roughshod over those who would like to maintain the small city feel of Ann Arbor and once again have a town square.

Opponents to Proposal A claim that selling the lot for development into a 17-story mixed-use building consisting of a hotel, apartments and retail space, with a designated 12,000-square-foot plaza for public use, will satisfy the

need for a Commons as well as provide much-needed housing and tax revenue, and cash from the sale.

A Yes vote on Proposal A would amend the city charter to permanently prohibit sale of city-owned properties on the block that includes the downtown library and the lot atop the underground parking fronting Fifth Avenue. Instead, the city charter would require development of city-owned properties as a downtown park and civic center common space known as "Center of the City."

Whatever the outcomes might be on these ballot proposals, their existence testifies to the will of the people to be heard. Politicians who wish to stay in power would be wise to mend their imperious ways, allow hearings on matters of interest to citizens, and use the legislative process to make changes the people want.



Michigan is home to some of the most gerrymandered voting districts in the country, including the Detroit area (above). Proposal 2 would amend the state constitution to establish an independent citizens redistricting commission charged with redrawing district lines.

## The blessing of ties



by Rev Dr.  
Martha Brunell  
Groundcover  
Contributor

The quilted wall hanging in my church is lovely to look at. I can't imagine walking by it without stopping. Its colors are a pleasing mix. Years ago, a friend who was a weaver helped me to see how important the neighboring colors are for any element of color in fabric art. Many of these colors are eye-poppers energized by other colors beside them. One could gaze at the detail and intricacy of the quilting stitches for hours.

There is an element of whimsy in both the material used to compose the quilted piece and in the title it bears. Much of the fabric comes from neckties, and the piece is simply called "Blessed Be the Ties That Bind." For residents in this multi-level care facility for elders the title quickly evokes an 18th-century church hymn many of them have sung

since they were children, "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds."

I found myself sitting beneath the quilt as I helped a resident finish up his power of attorney for healthcare form. As I checked that all questions had been answered, that the witnessing person was appropriate, and that the signature lines were correct, the man I was assisting reminded me he was on a deadline. After his appointment with me, he was off to a water exercise class. When we were done, he looked at me and smiled with these words, "Stay as long as you like. You could work here for a while."

I wished I could take him up on his offer. It was a quiet corner where I would be undisturbed. However, the day after our meeting was my last day at the hospital, and I had the proverbial miles to go before I had everything wrapped up. I paused to record a few quilt pictures on my phone and then I was off to my next stop twenty-plus miles away.

Both the visuals of the quilt and its reminder of binding ties have remained with me. I'm going to suggest a handful of those ties for you and me to ponder. In these days of November, many cultures and religious communities share the practice of remembering those who have died. Consider your ties with those who have gone before you

who have had a shaping hand in who you are and how you live. Is there anything unfinished in the relatedness you have known with them?

This is also a time of dramatic change in the earth around us as it quiets and cools for winter.

Where are your most significant geographic ties? This is a question literally about the ground that claims you, your sense of belonging to a particular place, your location of home. With what communities do you identify? These communities could include those you call family, those with whom you worship, those in a support group, those who are

**"Ties of gratitude help us never forget the essential giftedness of our lives, in light and in shadow."**

your colleagues at work or around an issue that matters greatly to you.

Are there ties in your life that connect you to specific experiences of vulnerability? These could be connections around a disease, a question of justice, or a reality in our common life with one another that is often dismissed or ignored. Such connections tug on our heart strings, calling forth our compassionate presence and action.

And finally, what ties of gratitude enrich your capacity to discover the sacred, the special, what is beautiful every day, everywhere, in each and every one of us? Ties of gratitude help us never forget the essential giftedness of our lives, in light and in shadow. They are often the connections that hold us together when the way is hard and demanding.

Multiple ties bless us. In our busyness, worry or fear, we don't always stop to recall how those ties can make a difference in our days. May we each find meaning, strength and joy in the binding ties of our lives.

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## Three generations of U.S. war veterans deploy for special mission: storytelling

by Lawrence Dolph  
Groundcover Contributor

Eddie Meeks remembers volunteering to be an Army nurse in Vietnam. She enlisted to go there “because my brothers were both going to war. I figured someone who wanted to be over there should take care of them.” Once there, Meeks said she found “Vietnam was an intense 24-hours-a-day [affair]. You had to shut your emotions down [because] there were so many traumatic things that happened.”

Meeks recalled, “I hadn’t seen a movie in a long time when I finally saw ‘Apocalypse Now.’ It wasn’t what happened in the movie but the feeling that it gave; that intense insanity felt like Vietnam.”

In 1993, Meeks helped raise funds to build the Women’s Vietnam Memorial on the Washington Mall to honor the 10,000 women who volunteered.

The **Fourth Annual Stories of Service at Hill Auditorium on November 5** honors our veterans who have served in triumph and tragedy. Five storytellers, representing three generations of veterans, will have each of their stories accompanied by music from the beautiful voices of Concordia University Concert Choir under the direction of Brian L. Altevogt.

Dale Throneberry, a former Chief Warrant Officer who flew a Bell UH-1B Huey in Vietnam nearly 50 years ago, will emcee *Stories of Service* with co-host Kate Melcher, an Apache helicopter pilot who is now Executive Director of Fisher House Michigan (*see below*).

“There was no mistaking the whop-whop-whopping of a Huey helicopter,” Throneberry remembers. “It was the sound that caused the enemy to flee, the sound of rescue, the sound of



Edie Meeks, an Army nurse in the Vietnam War, is one of five former service members who will share their stories on November 5 at Hill Auditorium.

another medevac of wounded soldiers who would survive, thanks to Edie Meeks ... Above all, the Huey was the sound of freedom, the sound of going home.”

*Stories of Service* is being directed by Wallace Bridges, professor in the Department of Communication, Media, and Theatre Arts at Eastern Michigan University, and an Army veteran who once supervised the handling of nuclear-tipped Pershing tactical missiles in Germany.

“We have a former Navy pilot who did 360 carrier landings in combat jets,” Bridges told us, “who now roams the Pacific to find and bring home the remains of WWII pilots to their families. We have a soldier who served in high-tech military intelligence before she was sidelined by an automobile accident. She now works with the families of our active combat veterans. We have a master storyteller who grew up in a ghetto, enlisted and patrolled the

DMZ in Korea, and is now earning his doctorate.”

“Our audience has grown tremendously over the years as the word has spread about the quality of our speakers and the stories they tell,” says 96-year-old Art Holst, a member of the *Stories of Service* planning committee. Holst was with George S. Patton’s Third Army as it rolled into Germany and freed the Jewish prisoners at Auschwitz-Birkenau.

The Fourth Annual *Stories of Service* event – November 5, from 7-9 pm at Ann Arbor’s Hill Auditorium – will be a night to remember. Tickets are free and may be ordered online. Donations are encouraged. For more information, visit [storiesofservice.org](http://storiesofservice.org). *Stories of Service* is made possible by generous gifts from Michigan Medicine, Old National Bank, MASCO and other donors.



According to Fisher House documents, “18 months after a Fisher House was approved for the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System, a second house for Michigan was approved for the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center (VAMC) in Detroit. By joining forces, Detroit and Ann Arbor’s combined effort for FHM set a strategic goal of raising \$20 million to pay for total construction costs and to support a Fisher House Manager, who will be assigned by the VA to each facility, with amenities for the veterans’ families. Michigan will get

its first Fisher House in Ann Arbor when groundbreaking occurs in 2019. Construction of the Fisher House at the VAMC will follow at a yet-undetermined time.

**WHAT: 4th Annual Stories of Service – Nov. 5, 7-9 p.m., at Hill Auditorium**

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### Veteran Resources

**Emergency housing and supportive services in Washtenaw County:** coordinated by HAWC – 734-961-1999.

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**Medical and mental health needs:** enroll for VA benefits at [www.vets.gov/health-care/](http://www.vets.gov/health-care/) apply or by calling 1-877-222-VETS (8387) Mon-Fri between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., EDT. You can also apply in person at the Ann Arbor VA Hospital located at 2215 Fuller Rd.

**VA benefits such as disability, pension and vocational rehabilitation as well as help with financial emergencies and access to the National Cemeteries:** call or visit Washtenaw County Department of Veterans Affairs, 734-973-4540, 2155 Hogback Rd., Ann Arbor; walk-in hours on weekday mornings.

**Employment:** visit [hiremivet.org](http://hiremivet.org) for upcoming job fairs and workshops. A hiring event for veterans is scheduled for Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. - noon at the Washtenaw Community College Morris Lawrence Building, 4800 E. Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor.

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## Get health insurance now! A call to action

by Susannah Feinstein  
Groundcover Contributor

Do you, or someone you know, need free or low-cost healthcare coverage? Without health insurance coverage, people who become ill can wind up with doctor bills ranging from hundreds to thousands of dollars. But even more importantly, small health problems can turn into big ones – landing you or your loved ones in the hospital.

In today’s world, it can sometimes seem difficult for people to register for health insurance coverage. Don’t let that stop you, though. It’s easy to get quality, accessible insurance with a few simple steps.

### How to enroll

**Step 1:** Plan ahead. Now is the time to act. The six-week open enrollment period for 2019 healthcare coverage on the Health Insurance Marketplace runs from November 1 to December 15, 2018. After December 15, you can’t enroll in or change plans, unless you qualify for a special enrollment period. So, start planning now and know that there are caring people on the other end of the phone – known as healthcare navigators – who are eager to assist you!

**Step 2:** Gather documenting materials. To know if you qualify for free or low-cost healthcare coverage, healthcare navigators will need to know your income and the size of your household. To do that, you’ll need to share with them a few pieces of information:

- Your social security card or number
- Your most recent pay stubs (current income information)
- Your most recent tax return
- The names and ages of people in your household
- Information about any insurance your employer offers (even if you think it’s expensive). If you can’t find all of these materials, don’t worry. Gather what you can and move on to step three.

**Step 3:** Make an appointment. After accessing the information listed in step two, or even if you are not able to find this information, call the Washtenaw Health Plan at 734-544-3030 to make an appointment with a navigator, or call or visit any of the local agencies offering enrollment assistance listed at: [www.healthcarecounts.org/washtenaw-county](http://www.healthcarecounts.org/washtenaw-county).

Please remember that there are caring people waiting for your call and hoping to help you. These individuals know all about health care insurance and publicly funded health plans, including the Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicaid, MiChild, and the Washtenaw Health Plan. Trained and certified patient advocates can help you understand your options and guide you through the application process. They can help you select health care coverage that is right for you. These appointments are free, and Spanish, Arabic and French in-person interpretation services are available.

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## Veterans Matter: working together to permanently house Veterans

by Susan Beckett

“There are homeless veterans out there literally on their knees right now praying to find a deposit so their family can cross the threshold to a house that is ready and waiting for them,” said Ken Leslie, founder of Toledo-based Veterans Matter. “It is up to us who can, to help.”

Prior to starting Veterans Matter, Leslie assisted Shawn Dowling, Veterans Administration (VA) Health Care for Homeless Veterans coordinator for the southeast Michigan/northwest Ohio catchment area, with outreach.

“We know that veterans are homeless longer than their non-veteran counterparts and at higher rates than their non-veteran counterparts,” said Dowling. “And many times our veterans are not going present in a shelter so we go out into the woods, along bridges, overpasses and highways and find those veterans who are camping outside. Before Veterans Matter was started, Ken Leslie and I were out doing outreach one day, and he asked me, ‘What’s one thing that veterans need to quickly exit the streets and go into permanent housing?’ I said, ‘You know, the deposits are taking us a long time. They’re holding the process up. Plus, we have to take the veteran to various agencies to ask them for money for the deposit for their apartment.’”

“So, you’re telling me that you got this housing and then after they get housed you’re able to provide services and case management, but they can’t get there because of the deposits?” asked Leslie. “She said, ‘Yeah,’ and that just about broke my heart. That night I came up with the idea for Veterans Matter – We Take Care of our Own: write the check directly to the landlord, 100 percent success rate. I called a foundation and said we need \$26,250 and I need it at black ops speed because there are 35 veterans waiting. It was 11 days from idea to execution.”

Veterans Matter partners with VA homelessness programs to help get veterans off the streets and into long-term housing. Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Administration Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Section 8 vouchers cover rent but not deposits.

“The Veterans Matter application is so easy for our social workers – only one page – and the process is seamless,” said Dowling. “It helps us move the process along and build trust with the veterans. Within 24 hours the landlord knows that the deposit money is coming. It



“It’s good to have your own place” – Veteran Shantorey Wilkins (left). “It is up to us who can, to help” – Ken Leslie (right) is the founder of Toledo-based Veterans Matter and a source of initial funding for Groundcover News.

used to take 28 to 90 days; long enough that some veterans gave up on the process.”

To date, the VA/Veterans Matter collaboration has helped more than 2,500 veterans and their families get off the streets and into housing. More than 500 of those were in Michigan, and more than 100 were in Washtenaw County.

Veterans Matter supplied the deposit for some of the 15 veterans housed at Ann Arbor’s Miller Manor with HUD/VASH vouchers. They also helped a local veteran suffering from PTSD who lost his job and housing. With the voucher and deposit, he was placed in Avalon Housing. One year later, he got custody of his three children.

Homelessness was avoided by a female veteran and her two children who were temporarily living in crowded quarters with a friend in Ypsilanti. She contacted the VA before she had to leave and with their help and that of Veterans Matter, she got an apartment for herself and her kids.

Veteran Shantorey Wilkins was elated to leave the veteran transitional housing he lived in for six months and move into his own place in Ypsilanti, secured in a partnership between the VA, Veterans Matter and Michigan Ability Partners. “It’s good to have your own place,” Wilkins said. “You don’t have to worry about what’s going to happen to your stuff when your friend’s friends come by. You can concentrate on school, work, recovery ...”

Veterans Matter currently operates in 20 states. Their goal is housing 1,000 vets in the next year alone. Through October, they helped house more than 627 in 2018 as compared to 604 in 2017 and 371 in 2016. Funding partners have fueled the dramatic increases.

Mitch Albom donated to house Detroit veterans, as did Kid Rock and Katy Perry. John Mellencamp donated

to Veterans Matter to house vets in Indiana.

“Mitch just seriously cares. I had gotten an email on a Monday from the Detroit VA saying they needed our help. That’s when I realized I was doing God’s work. By Wednesday, Mr. Albom was all in.”

Due in part to Albom’s involvement, First Nation Group/Jordan Reses (an Ann Arbor, Michigan-based national distributor of medical equipment and supplies) decided to help in early 2015. Donations from the company, its employees and its suppliers, have housed 250 veterans and veteran families in Michigan, and another 816 in Ohio, Colorado and Mississippi. Some of that money was designated for Ann Arbor and other areas in Michigan.

Though corporate and celebrity sponsors play a huge role in expansion, 20 percent of donations have come from ordinary individuals and 17 percent

from veterans’ organizations such as VFWs and Legions. All money deployed by Veterans Matter results in veterans being housed. Individual sums have ranged from \$75-2,500, with the national average being \$750.

Veterans Matter disperses funds in areas determined by donor direction or through their Operation Greatest Need, which works with the VA national office in areas where waiting veterans have no other option for deposits in a timely manner. The veterans are selected by their social workers at a VA medical center or a community-based outpatient clinic.

“The VA social workers are the real heroes in this story and they are who we interface with. They find the vets and the housing,” Leslie said.

The wrap-around services provided by those social workers is largely what accounts for the 91 percent success rate in staying housed for HUD-VASH voucher recipients.

Leslie comes to this work from a place of experience. He was once a stand-up comedian and addict who was homeless himself. He eventually committed to sobriety and founded a very successful employment agency in the technology industry. He used his money and connections to help run the Toledo Tent City, where people in need could get clothing and survival supplies as well as some personal care. He then used his money and experience to help start

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### Affordable Housing

Ann Arbor is in the middle of a housing crisis. According to the National Low Income Housing Coalition, a person would have to earn \$19.71/hr to afford a two-bedroom apartment in Ann Arbor. We are the eighth-most economically segregated city in the US, and the most expensive area in Michigan.

I believe that, if we are going to solve this crisis, we shouldn’t limit ourselves to answers that cause developers to make money.

Instead, I propose that we create a city income tax of 1% on residents and 0.5% on nonresidents who work here and make more than a certain amount of money. With the revenue from this tax, we can build new housing units on land that the city already owns - **affordable housing, not luxury condos.**

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### Black Lives Matter

More than three years since the Ann Arbor police shot and killed Aura Rosser, a Black woman and mother of three. Shamefully little has been done to address the conditions that led to her death. We need a civilian oversight commission that is strong and independent. We need mental health crisis responders who can respond to calls instead of police, and will be guaranteed not to shoot the people they are supposed to help.

Paid for by Ryan Hughes for City Council,  
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### A Passion for... Activism

I created The Michigan Organizer, an online calendar that helps activists coordinate with each other:  
[www.michiganorganizer.info](http://www.michiganorganizer.info)

### Arts

I am a DJ on 88.3FM WCBN. You can hear me Wed morning, 6-9am, where I feature music made by women.

I also write and perform marionette puppet shows with the Dreamland Theater in Ypsilanti.



## Boober Tours gearing up for winter



by Kevin Spangler  
Groundcover  
Vendor #307

Seasons are changing – we have had a beautiful fall. The football games have been amazing for helping Boober Tours save for the winter. We are all gearing up for the winter, getting most of our

gear from the Kiwanis thrift store.

Last month I took a course at SPARK on Facebook marketing. I learned a lot. While we were there, we were talking with SPARK and they suggested renting us a spot to work in for Glitch and I to build our app.

I spend a lot of my time calculating where Boober's money will go to further the business. I don't like taking financial risks. I am currently build-

ing another advertising trailer and I decided to add a roof for bad weather, putting me over budget. I had pitched a company that I thought was going to purchase the ad space, but that fell through. But, Trinity Lutheran church donated \$3,000 to help Boober Tours create more second-chance jobs. I am negotiating the deal now to get cabs from New York.

I never look at anything negatively when I pray and chant for things –

always something better comes along, or at least I don't put myself in a situation that could hurt the business. I have continued my doubling of meditation from one hour to two hours and I have been feeling great. "Bad" people have been leaving my life and "good" people have been coming into my life.



## LETTERS to the EDITOR

## Remembering Anne Frank

Dear Editor,

I enjoyed the article in the June issue on the Holocaust and Anne Frank ["Remembering Anne Frank and the WWII Holocaust"]. It was written by Will Shakespeare (real name?) and well-written it was. However, when mentioning the Righteous Gentiles who helped rescue the Jews, I see you failed to mention Pope Pius the 12th – the so-called "silent Pope," who through clandestine efforts saved as many as 860,000 Jews, Gypsies, and others from Nazi extermination.

Early in the war he was told by secular as well as religious leaders to tone down his rhetoric concerning ill treatment of the Jews. Jewish leaders themselves asked him to be silent as any condemnation of the atrocities only caused them to be intensified. So, the Pope took other measures. Jews were hidden in Vatican buildings, as well as monasteries and convents throughout Europe.

The Pope had underground printing

presses creating false Catholic birth and baptism certificates to help Jews evade the slaughter. It is true, he couldn't save all, but he did save more than all other religious and secular agencies combined. Just thought I would mention this as it was mistakenly left out of your article. I always buy the Groundcover. Glad I can help in some small way. God Bless.

Ron Pagerski

## African American suffragettes

Dear Editor,

I am sending you a review about Will Shakespeare's article ["The deep roots of #MeToo – a history of the Suffragette movement," July 2018 issue].

I think it is very much needed in today's society. When Will first mentioned to me that he was writing this article about the women suffragettes, [I felt that] he was coming at it from a white woman's perspective and focus. Which is still a powerful tool of its own.

However, [as Will's article indeed showed] we also had African American

women who were a part of this era. African American women not only had the strike of being women, but also being black in America. So, their fight was very much different from that of a white woman. It was just as powerful but had to be more hidden in the sense that being too vocal could cause deadly circumstances. The African American could not join equally with white women due to racist tactics against them. White women could not speak to or understand the issues that African American women faced on a daily basis. Let's be clear: African American women did accomplish major issues alongside white women, but it was never spoken about or mentioned until now.

I feel Will captured the era beautifully and illustrated how the entire suffragette movement looked during those times. In journalism, you can't have just one side of a story, but all sides to make one big picture. Will's story and article was well written, inclusive and well told. Will captured the African American women voice so eloquently.

Monica Porter

## #MeToo history

Dear Editor,

I would like to express how much I enjoyed Will Shakespeare's article in the July 2018 edition of Groundcover ["The deep roots of #MeToo – a history of the Suffragette movement"]. I love Groundcover because of the issues it addresses that are sometimes overlooked in other media outlets. I think Will did a great job on this story. It was eloquently written, backed up by facts, and touched on an issue that carries historical significance but is still important today. I especially liked the section on black suffragettes, because their influence in the movement, not to mention the extra adversities they faced, are often overlooked.

I've read Will's other articles, too, and am always impressed by his way with words and ability to report on important political issues with such wonderful facts and sources. I would love to see more of his writing in Groundcover!

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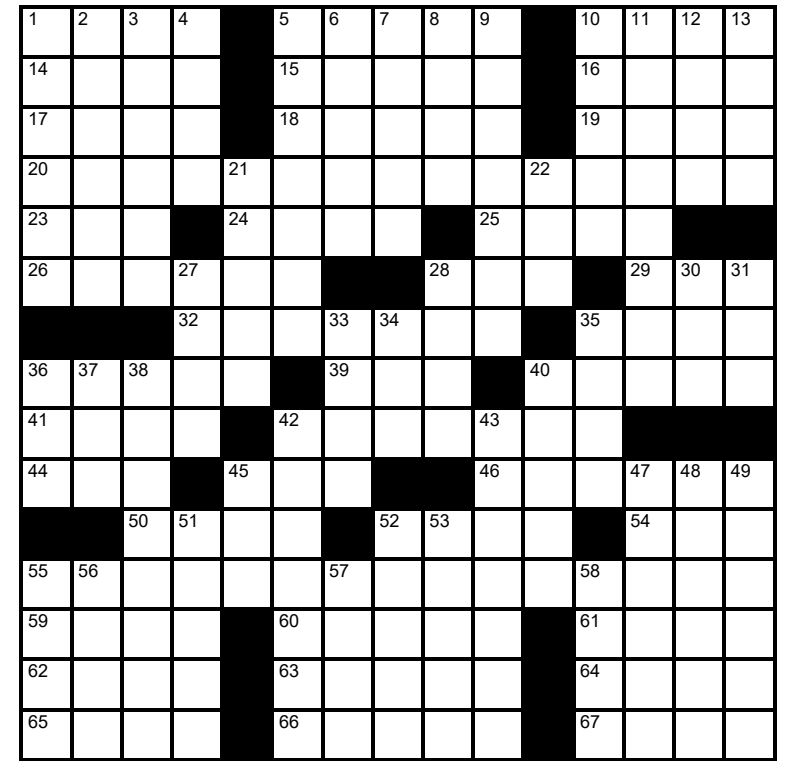
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by Victor Fleming and Tracy Bennett

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17. Timed competition
18. "r u 4 real?"
19. Antoine Domino's nickname
20. Start of a barista's declaration on customer appreciation day
23. City of Hawks and Falcons, on scoreboards
24. Hoppy quaffs, for short
25. Practically catapulted
26. Appeal to arms?
28. Particle in a salt solution
29. First thing Little Miss Muffet did
32. Rain-bringing wind
35. Gainer, e.g.
36. "Simpson \_\_\_\_" (fan site)
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42. Convertible, of a sort
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45. Diner brew
46. Entomologist's specimen
50. GI's charge
52. 2012 Ben Affleck political thriller
54. Oath
55. End of the declaration
59. Plains people
60. Hunk, as of grassy sod
61. Escape
62. Commanded like a queen
63. Cause a knot not to be
64. River through Stratford
65. "Where the Sidewalk Ends" author Silverstein
66. They may be checked
67. Iris's backing



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3. Bring back from memory
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9. Supergirl's birthplace
10. Office coffee fetcher
11. Introduces slowly
12. Sugar bowl invaders, at times
13. Ho-hum
21. Quinto's "Star Trek" predecessor
22. Darling or Howard
27. Between-forces areas: Abbr.
28. Early caucus state
30. "A Wrinkle in Time" director DuVernay
31. Western nickname
33. Farrier's fabrication
34. Slangy sound of discomfort
35. Root beer brand
36. Lovebird's murmur
37. Get on the ballot
38. 734 or 501, e.g.
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42. Iconic red tailgate party sight
43. Gorillas and the like
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## Detroit – canary in the mine: an interview with Monica Lewis-Patrick, Michigan's water warrior

by Emily Green

*Editor's note: The following excerpt (Part 1 of 3 – read Part 2 in the December edition of Groundcover News) comes from an article originally printed by our sister paper, Street Roots, in Portland, Oregon, on April 27, 2018.*

### Part 1

Michigan's water crises have attracted national attention as residents in a state practically surrounded by water struggle to access it. From lead-poisoned drinking water in Flint to the massive water utility shut-offs in Detroit, impoverished communities of color are bearing the brunt of discriminatory policies that effectively deny them their most basic of human needs.

What's happening in Flint and Detroit could be cause for alarm across the nation. The installation of governor-appointed emergency managers, who supersede control of elected officials, exacerbates problems caused by austerity measures put in place, predominantly in African-American neighborhoods, following Detroit's bankruptcy filing in 2013.

Detroit has the highest poverty rate among the 20 largest U.S. cities, at 35.7 percent. Low incomes in combination with high water prices mean tens of thousands of households have their water shut off each year.

In the wake of problems facing African-American communities in Detroit, resident and lifelong activist Monica Lewis-Patrick has become a prominent voice. In 2008, Lewis-Patrick and four other African-American women co-founded We the People of Detroit, a nonprofit that informs and empowers residents on issues related to land, water, civil rights, education and the

democratic process. It also delivers water to the doorsteps of those who cannot otherwise access it.

Emily Green: First I wanted to give our readers a sense of the situation in Detroit, and I was hoping you could begin by talking about something Detroit residents refer to as “the blue line of shame.”

Monica Lewis-Patrick: The blue line of shame in Detroit is where the water department, Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, goes out to the homes that are in jeopardy of losing their water service and marks a very bold and large blue line in front of the house. Sometimes it's just a singular line. Sometimes it's an arrow pointing to the water shut off connection. It alerts the whole community that you're in jeopardy of having your water shut off.

E.G.: We the People of Detroit, the nonprofit you are a CEO, president and co-founder of, did a mapping project that revealed the city was more aggressively shutting off water in African-American neighborhoods.

M.L.P.: That's correct. They're shutting off water systematically in particular neighborhoods where they want to clear out the population and bring in a new population. We did something

### WATER FACTS: PORTLAND VS. DETROIT

	PORTLAND	DETROIT
Typical monthly water bill *	\$100	\$75
Median household income	\$58,423 (2016)	\$26,249
Number of residential shut-offs, 2017	4,459	17,689 (Jan.-Oct.)
*Utility rates include water, sewer and drainage. Sources: Portland Water Bureau, U.S. Census, The Detroit News		

Most Detroiters are paying more than 10 percent of their income for water. According to Lewis-Patrick, “impoverished communities of color are bearing the brunt of discriminatory that effectively deny them their most basic of human needs.”

called “Mapping the Water Crisis: The Dismantlement of African-American Neighborhoods in Detroit.” What we did was convene about 25 researchers that are experts in everything from GIS mapping to architecture to water infrastructure. We convened them together to really be able to leverage their expertise because many times when they won't believe the activists, they'll believe the academics.

E.G.: Most people know if they don't pay their utility bill, the utilities will eventually be shut off. That seems to be pretty universal in the U.S., but in Detroit, the U.N. actually got involved in the water shut-offs, and I believe you testified before the U.N. on this matter. What was it about the whole situation that made the U.N. deem the shut-offs to be a human rights violation?

M.L.P.: Well it's a human rights violation because the vast majority of Detroiters are paying more than 10 percent of their income to access water.

Over the last 10 years, water rates have gone up over 126 percent. As a matter of fact, over the last 20 years, it's gone up as much as 400 percent. In terms of the rate structure, it's not equitable and it's not fair. Detroit is bearing the burden of building out this system to 126 municipalities and townships. If they were spreading that across all 126 municipalities and townships, you would see a fair rate structure.

Right now, Detroit and Flint are the only municipalities in the 126 service areas that have these very aggressive

see DETROIT, page 11

## Groundcover vendors to observe HAW

In honor of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week (November 9–17), the Washtenaw Housing Alliance (WHA) is sponsoring several events (see *ad, right*), including a night of storytelling and art. “Voices of Homelessness” takes place Friday, November 9 from 6–8 pm at Ypsilanti's Historic Freighthouse.

Groundcover News vendors were among last year's storytellers and there is an excellent chance that some will participate again this year.

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## Veterans Matter

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Toledo Streets, a street newspaper that helped people without options alleviate their own poverty by selling the paper. He founded 1Matters as the funding organization for these projects. The initial funding for the street papers, Groundcover News and Thrive Detroit, also came from 1Matters.

When Leslie learned that securing deposit funds was a systemic problem, he started Veterans Matter. Leslie used his industry expertise to create an online, cloud-based system to allow VA housing coordinators to quickly access and secure deposit payments for veterans. By 2015, he had to choose between his six-figure industry salary and Veterans Matter, which he could no longer run in his spare time. Under his full-time guidance, the organization has more than doubled its impact.

There are 40,000 vets still living on the streets in the United States. Of the vets who got deposits from Veterans Matter, 22 percent were family units of whom 78 percent had children. Single parents accounted

for 53 percent of those families with children.

The Toledo area is used as a laboratory where Veterans Matter is always looking for holes to fill effectively. “Veterans Matters has also been a great partner in helping with volunteers who help us go out and do street-level outreach blitzes and visit with our vets for socialization and assistance with personal goals they might have, like taking them out and getting their hair cut or beard trimmed, going grocery shopping or purchasing clothes for veterans who are starting a job,” said Dowling.

According to Leslie, homelessness is a simple problem to solve. People who don't have homes get one. The rest is just details he tackles one-by-one and encourages others to do so, too. There are myriad suggestions for involvement on their website, [veteransmatter.org](http://veteransmatter.org), from individual action to corporate partnerships or finding your own holes to fill. You can follow and share them on Facebook and Twitter (@GetVetsHoused) or to donate now, text “Vets” to 41444.

## Detroit's water woes

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water shut-off policies. Most of these cities have policies that say it doesn't matter how much you owe; your water won't be shut off. Then in a few other cities, they have policies that say you have up to two to three consecutive billing cycles. In those communities, billing cycles are anywhere from two to three months. So you could go almost a year without paying your water bill before you're even threatened with a shut-off, whereas in Detroit and Flint, it's 30 days.

There was research done by Michigan State University at the beginning of the year – I think it was

released in the top of February – which states that 35 percent of America, by the year 2020, will not be able to afford their water. So for us, it's about the human right to water. It's not about free water, but it's about a rate structure that is fair and equitable. And we believe that people should not be paying more than 3.5 percent of their income to access water.

– Look for Part 2 in the December edition of Groundcover News. –

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## 10 for \$10

Exploring Washtenaw County on the cheap

by Elizabeth Bauman, Groundcover Contributor

Looking for something to do that won't break the bank? Hoping to try something new? Wanting a little something sweet or savory? **10 for \$10** is here to provide you with low-cost or free things to do in Washtenaw County.

**1. Get on your mountain bike (or borrow one) and ride the DTE Foundation Trail** in Chelsea. There is a trail for beginners as well as two trails for those who want to challenge themselves. Exhilarating.

**2. Go to Frita Batidos and get what is truly The Best Snack Ever.** This layered snack has coconut-ginger rice, black beans, cheese and salsa. Oh, just so good.

**3. Pick up a butternut squash from the indoor Ypsilanti Farmers Marketplace** at 16 South Washington, open on Tuesdays from 3-7 p.m. See the recipe found in this issue for a scrumptious soup to warm you on a cold November day.

**4. Walk around and enjoy the University of Michigan campus on football Saturdays.** No need to buy a ticket to feel you are part of the excitement. Free.

**5. Turn balloons into fun critters** at the Mallett's Creek branch of the Ann Arbor District Library on Saturday, November 24. Designed for children K-5th grade. 2-3 p.m. Free.

**6. The Michigan Firehouse Museum and Education Center** in Ypsilanti near Depot Town has engaging and informative exhibits to be enjoyed by people of all ages.

**7. Monday at the Movies** – take your Saline District Library card to the Emagine Theater on the second Monday in each month and get a movie ticket and small popcorn for \$8.

**8. Get a delicious pretzel or doughnut at The Dexter Bakery** on Main Street in Dexter.

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# Coconut curried butternut squash soup

by Elizabeth Bauman  
Groundcover Contributor

## Ingredients:

2 medium butternut squashes, cut length-wise into halves and seeds removed  
4 teaspoons olive oil  
1 teaspoon salt  
Pinch of black pepper  
1 cup diced carrots  
1 cup diced celery  
1 teaspoon curry powder  
6 gloves minced garlic  
1 small onion, diced  
4 cups chicken or vegetable broth  
13 fluid ounces coconut milk  
2 tablespoons fresh flat-leaf parsley, chopped

## Directions:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place rack in the middle of oven.

Place the butternut halves cut-side up on a baking sheet lined with foil. Rub 2 teaspoons of the oil on the squash. Sprinkle the squash with the salt and pepper. Roast until tender, 50-60 minutes. Remove from the oven and cool for 10 minutes, use a spoon to scoop out the flesh (about four cups) and set aside.

Heat the remaining 2 teaspoons of oil in a saucepan over medium heat. Add the carrots, celery, curry powder, garlic and onions. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the onions are translucent and the carrots are fork-tender (about 5-10 minutes). Add the squash, coconut milk and broth to the saucepan. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer for 7

minutes. Allow to cool for 10 minutes.

Doing a small batch at a time, puree the soup in a blender or food processor until smooth. Add dash of salt to taste. Serve warm, garnished with a little chopped parsley.

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